

their houses, simply and honestly on the ground of differing in opinion. You will then hear it said, "What a strange thing for so-and-so to vote against his house," or "What reason can he have for doing so," or disagreeable things like that. What on earth, Sir, does it matter what house a fellow is in when he has to decide something with himself? To compare great things with small, it is just as if a member of the House of Commons from the North of England were to vote against another because he came from the South. Perhaps once or twice a year house feeling may be brought in, when it would be very strange if the houses were not united in themselves: but more frequently than that it certainly does not or ought not to exist.

The consequences of this practice are obvious. It easily happens that an influential fellow who wants to carry a motion has simply to get two or three others in other houses to join him, and he is almost sure of it. Or again, some one trusts too much to the good sense of the Levée, and only gets a seconder out of his own house. He is opposed simply from factious motives, and his motion, good or bad, falls to the ground. Many other results which I need not mention occur, I am sure, to every one.

I know that it will be answered directly. Modesty is the cause of this with a large number of those whom you are speaking of. Fellows who have not been here long, or have not been in the Upper School more than one Term, are quite justified in yielding to the opinions of their superiors, and not pushing themselves forward. But I maintain that no pushing forward is required at all. If all gave their votes as they had honestly decided in their own minds, it would very rarely happen that any one totally separated himself from his house.

If, Sir, after all, this dependent feeling of modesty is right and necessary, if a large majority of Big-Side Levée may not exercise their powers of thought, but only look to their leaders to see which way to vote, if in this way any who may think at all are to be swamped by numbers and numbers alone,—I say, let that wretched majority be off, for they are not wanted. Let them gratify their own self-respect, and bring credit to their intelligence by voluntarily abdicating. Yes, let them give up their privilege of belonging

to that wonderful and corrupt body, Big-Side Levée.

Hoping that you will have the kindness to insert this,

I remain, Sir, yours etc.,
A. C. W. H. A.

To the Editor of the Meteor.

SIR,—On looking back in the old numbers of the *Meteor* I see five letters, at least written about the way in which winnings are counted for the Cup at our Athletic Games. Suggestions were made, some approved, others objected to, but all to no purpose: for the winnings were counted the same as before.

The other day, an old Rugbeian said to me, "I hate the *Meteor*; it is so awfully Radical." This is true; but, at the same time, I do not see what good a School paper can do if it is not, for, I think, its object ought to be to point out faults and give suggestions: and the School, when it reads its faults and the *Meteor's* suggestions, ought to take means to find out what is the best suggestion, and how it may be carried out.

Now, on making inquiry I find that no notice whatever was taken, either by Big-Side Levée or by the Stewards, of this palpable fault in our Athletic games, in spite of the numerous letters on the subject in the *Meteor*. But I beg you to understand that it is not because I made a suggestion myself and am disappointed at its not being carried out that I write, but because I hope that, if the subject is started sufficiently early, means will be taken to put an end to the system which now exists, which every one condemns as unfair, but which no one stirs to reform.

I am, Sir, yours truly,
EQUITY.

THE ORGAN FUND.

The following Subscriptions have been received for the Organ Fund:—

E. H. Warner	2	6
C. W. Kennedy.....	2	6
F. G. Cholmondeley.....	2	6
From the School House	5	9
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RUGBY SCHOOL V. RICHMOND.

A strong team of Old Rugbeians, members of the Richmond Club, mustered at Rugby on Saturday last to try their strength with the School. The weather left nothing to be desired, and the ground, though somewhat slippery, was in far better condition than, from the lateness of the season, could be expected. For Richmond—who numbered twenty-four to the School twenty-one,—F. H. Fisher, C. S. Fryer, E. C. Holmes, and E. Rutter played back, W. R. Collyer, R. Murray and W. H. Sykes half-back. For the School, Mackinlay and Warner were back, Francis three-quarters-back, Tobin and Westfeldt half-back. Richmond had the Island goal, but there was no wind to influence the dropping, and Haslam kicked off soon after 3 p.m. It was evident, from the commencement, that it would be a veritable *guerre de géants*. Richmond were moved by the prestige of a long string of victories, extending over a period of two years, unsullied by a solitary defeat. Amongst their representatives, too, were many past heroes, whose gallant deeds on Old Big-Side have brought down thunders of applause in the VI. Matches and “Old Rug.’s” of former days. The School lost the services of Gray, Gwyer, Dugdale, and Reynolds, and with their inferiority in numbers and weight, they were well aware that their work was cut out for them. For the first twenty minutes or so the play wavered in the centre of the ground, though the School kept the ball on the Island side of the Three Trees, Francis and Westfeldt making several brilliant runs. At length Richmond began gradually to gain ground, and worked the ball past the Three Trees and along the touch-line into goal, compelling the School to touch it down. Tobin took the ball out, and shortly afterwards Fisher got it by the Three Trees and dropped it in front of goal to Fryer, who, after a capital run, was stopped when within a yard of the goal-line, and the School again had to touch it down. Francis dropped it out, and the whites, by some good forward play, drove Richmond back till the ball went into touch-in-goal in the Island moat. Murray got the ball soon after Rutter’s drop-out, and ran in, but unfortunately went into touch-in-goal, and no advantage accrued to the red, black and yellow. After this the School seemed to play up with renewed vigour, their superior training giving them an evident advantage.

The play was now for some time in dangerous proximity to the Richmond quarters, and at length Tobin got well away with the ball, and passing by the Strangers’ backs by sheer speed of foot, succeeded in running in some 30 or 40 yards from the posts. The try was consequently a very difficult one, but Tobin was as usual up to the mark and kicked a magnificent goal amidst tremendous cheering from the School. Richmond looked rather blue at seeing the ball fly between their posts for the first time within the last two years, but lost no time in changing over for a fresh start. Fryer kicked off, and for a few minutes the ball hovered in the centre of the ground, but fortune once more declared for the School, and Tobin made another splendid run, half the length of Big-Side, again distancing the fleetest of the Richmond backs, and landing the ball safely over the line at the Chapel end of goal, the roar of cheers from the School swelling louder and louder as each consecutive opponent was successfully passed. Haslam punted out and the ball was caught by Kough, but a second punt was unsuccessful. The School, however, were not to be denied, and again worked the ball slowly but surely along the touch-line into goal, where it was touched down by Moberly. At this point the half-hour struck, and as the punt-out did not result in a fair catch, “no side” was called immediately afterwards, and perhaps the best match which old Big-Side ever saw was brought to a conclusion. Cheers were then given with the greatest enthusiasm for the victors, which they in their turn cordially answered with three hearty rounds for the Richmond Club.

Our closing remarks must be brief. The play of the School, both individually and collectively, was well-nigh perfect, and several of the most experienced judges of the game agreed in declaring that such skill and determination could not fail to carry Rugby colours successfully against the strongest team that has ever mustered, either round London or elsewhere. No one could fail to commend the dash and dexterity of the backs and half-backs, and the pluck and perseverance of the forwards, which so gallantly mastered the superior weight and experience of the heroes of bygone days. It is almost needless to say that every man on the Richmond side did his best to enable their indefatigable Hon. Sec. to record a different result to that which eventually found its way into the pages of his note book. We trust we may be able to chronicle an equally success-